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### **Two Columbia Youths Plead Guilty to Rock-Throwing Spree That Damaged Vehicles**

Two Columbia youths have pleaded guilty to a rock-throwing spree that damaged five vehicles, including a police cruiser on Columbia roads during the early morning hours of July 27. Takim Adisa Herring-Hall, 19, of the 9500 block of Kilimanjaro Road, pleaded guilty to second-degree assault in Howard County District Court on Thursday. Jarrett D. Cromartie, 19, of the 5400 block of Ring Dove Lane pleaded guilty to reckless endangerment.

According to police and prosecutors, Herring-Hall drove Cromartie and others throughout Columbia between midnight and 4 a.m. while Cromartie and possibly the others threw “softball-sized rocks at other vehicles sharing the road. The victims’ automobiles sustained over \$5200 in body and glass damage. One driver suffered minor injuries. A rock was also thrown at a marked police cruiser on Cedar Lane as it searched for a silver Hyundai Sonata that was reported as involved in the rock-throwing incidents.

Judge Mary Reese granted Herring-Hall probation before judgment, suspending all but 15 days of a 10-year prison term. She placed him on one year of supervised probation, ordered him to perform 200 hours of community service and to pay over \$2300 in restitution. Cromartie will be sentenced on March 9, 2018.

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